

# Cheshire West & Chester Council

## Cheshire West and Chester 2015 / 2016 School Term and Holiday Dates:

Autumn 2015	Spring 2016	Summer 2016
1 September – 23 October (39 days)	4 January – 12 February (30 days)	18 April – 27 May (29 days)
Half Term 26-30 October	Half Term 15-19 February	Bank Holiday - 2 May Half Term 30 May - 3 June
2 November – 18 December (35 days)	22 February – 1 April (28 days)	6 June – 21 July (34 days)
Christmas Holiday 19 December – 3 January	Easter Bank Holidays – 25 March & 28 March Spring Break 4 April – 15 April	Summer Holiday 22 July – 2 September
<b><i>Return to school: Monday 5 September 2016</i></b>		

The principles for the calculation of the Learn Together Partnership (LTP) standardised term dates\* are based on 195 days which includes 190 teaching days and five INSET training days. It is expected that 1 September will be one of those training days.

When informing the school community of the school term and holiday dates for 2015/16, schools need first to select the dates for their five INSET days from out of the terms given above and then readjust the calendar accordingly.

\*The principles of the Learn Together Partnership Standardised School Year are:

- All terms will start on a Monday (except where a bank holiday prevents this, in which case the term will start on a Tuesday).
- October half term will always be the last full week in October.
- The term dates surrounding the Christmas / New Year Break will remain unchanged
- February half-term will always be the third full week in February.
- The Easter Break will be moved and replaced by a fixed holiday at the beginning of April and will be known as the Spring Break. This will always be the first two full weeks in April and will not move with the Easter holiday.
- Easter may still fall within the Spring Break, but where it doesn't, it will still be observed by the two bank holidays for Good Friday and Easter Monday. This will give a more even distribution between terms, thus providing a better balance for children and staff and avoiding exhausting long terms that are caused by early or late Easters.
- Where a school is open for part of a week to pupils, this will be for a minimum of three school days (to encourage attendance)

